necessary medical facilities according to the need of the people within the available resources.

(c) and (d) Baba Raghava Das Medical College, Gorakhpur is a Medical College in the State of U.P. Such information is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Monkey fever in Karnataka

2948. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths/affected due to monkey fever in Karnataka State for the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Karnataka Government to prevent the disease;

(c) whether Government propose to establish a Research Laboratory in Karnataka for effective prevention of monkey disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Monkey fever

ldisease is prevalent in the districts of Chikmanglur, Dakshin Kannada, Uttar Kannada, Udipi and Shimoga in Karnataka. The district-wise details of deaths due to monkey fever in Karnataka from 1999 to 2001 are as under:

	Uttar Kannada	Chikmanglur
1999	Nil	Nil
2000	3	Nil
2001	1	1

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government of Karnataka to prevent the monkey disease in endemic districts of the State:

1. Intensive vaccination (KFD vaccine) programme.

2. Health functionaries are conducting surveillance work.

3. A separate viral diagnostic laboratory has been set up at Shimoga to detect monkey fever cases.

4. Mobile units and temporary dispensaries have been set up in remote forest areas.

5. Separate wards have been opened at PHC and Taluk hospitals.

6. Mylol lotion is distributed to the needy persons to prevent the infection.

7. To cut the transmission the disease, monkey death spots are sprayed with Malathian insecticide.

8. The health functionaries give extensive health education through mass media and individual approach.

9. Three field stations have been established to take up the active surveillance and treatment activities at Sagar, Honnavar and Belthangadi.

10. A nodal officer has been appointed at Shimoga to monitor the preventive activities.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to establish a research laboratory in Karnataka.

Vasectomy operations

†2949. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vasectomy operations are not being carried out as per target in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) From 1st April, 1996, the Family Planning Programme is being implemented all over India as per the recommendation of the National Development Council Committee on Population. The Committee recommended:

1. Decentralized area specific planning based on an assessment of community needs.

2. Emphasis on improving access and quality of services to women and children.

3. Providing special assistance to poorly performing States/districts to minimize the wide inter and intra-State disparity.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.